

REMARKS

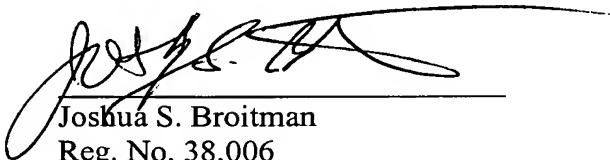
Claims 1-47 are pending in the application. Claims 1-43 have been allowed. Claim 44 stands rejected. Claims 45-47 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Applicants have cancelled claims 44 and 47. Claims 17, 27, 33 and 46 have been amended to correct drafting errors which do not affect the scope of the claims. Claim 45, as suggested by the Examiner, has been rewritten in independent form and now includes all of the limitations of cancelled claim 44. No new matter has been added. For the reasons set forth above, Applicants believe that this application is now in condition for allowance and request that this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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